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1. Claims 1-14 and 21-27 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of the claims is the combination of a substantially cylindrical housing removable and adjacent the packing box with the housing having an outer surface having a diameter less than a diameter of the packing box of the valve with the inner surface of the housing fits over the valve stem.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Bastianelli whose telephone number is (571) 272-4921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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